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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF PATRICIO PRESS

CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

1. SUMMARY: IN OCTOBER 5 UN PRESS CONFERENCE FONMIN COMPLAINED ABOUT 1971 AZORES AGREEMENT AND SAID GOP HOPES US WILL NOT RENEW LAJES ACCORD. FONMIN'S EFFORT CLEARLY IN SUPPORT OF GOP NEGOTIATING POSITION.

2. PRESS HAS GIVEN AMPLE COVERAGE TO PRESS CONFERENCE BY FONMIN AT UN HEADQUARTERS OCTOBER 5. ARTICLES, WHICH APPARENTLY BASED ON WIRE SERVICES, STRESSED ABSENCE OF LIBERATED AREAS IN PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES, SEKOU TOURE'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR MURDER OF AMILCAR CABRAL, GOP'S REFUSAL TO ALLOW INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRES AND RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH US ON AZORES. FONMIN STATEMENT ON
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FIRST THREE ITEMS GAVE PREDICTABLE GOP POSITIONS.

3. ON AZORES, PATRICIO BEGAN BY DENYING THAT PORTUGAL RECEIVED \$436 MILLION IN 1971 AGREEMENT. ON CONTRARY, HE SAID, "PORTUGAL BENEFITS LITTLE FROM AGREEMENT AND WOULD PREFER NOT TO RENEW IT." HE ADDED, THAT "PORTUGAL HOPES THAT US BY ITS OWN DECISION, WILL RENOUNCE UTILIZATION OF THIS BASE."

4. REFERRING TO 71 AGREEMENT PATRICIO SAID GOP RECEIVED ONLY SMALL OCEANOGRAPHIC VESSEL "CERTAINLY NOT ADEQUATE FOR WAR OPERATIONS IN AFRICA," \$1 MILLION FOR EDUCATION--PRIMARILY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IN US, \$5 MILLION FOR CIVILIAN USE-- OF WHICH NOT ONE DOLLAR HAS BEEN SPENT, AND A LINE OF CREDIT AT THE EXIM BANK OF \$400 MILLION FOR IMPORTS FROM US. CONCLUDING, HE SAID THAT "NOT EVEN ONE DOLLAR HAD BEEN USED OF \$400 MILLION, AS PORTUGAL FINDS BETTER TERMS IN EUROPE."

5. COMMENT: PATRICIO STATEMENTS CLEARLY A NEGOTIATING PLOY. WHILE MOST OBSERVERS RECOGNIZE IT AS SUCH IT HAS STIRRED SOME INTEREST AMONG DIPLOMATS HERE.
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